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LA ZAMBRA RESTAURANT, 127 WEST 52ND STREET, NEW YORK CITY
COCKTAILS AT 12:30 P. M. - LUNCHEON PROMPTLY AT 12:50 P. M.
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DR. HU SHIH

Former Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Hu Shih is President of Peking University now behind the Red Curtain. Freshly arrived from inner governmental councils of China, he had not planned to make any speeches while here but several members of the Overseas Press Club persuaded him to speak to us "on the record".

Dr. Hu, known as one of the world's greatest philosophers, holds more honorary degrees from our universities than any other non-American. He is on a tour to study the general world situation.

JOHN GOETTE will introduce Dr. Hu.

We also hope to have MARGUERITE HIGGINS, New York Herald-Tribune correspondent from Berlin present to give us the latest news from our colleagues in Germany. Miss Higgins flew in yesterday from the Continent.

There will be an emergency meeting of the Board of Governors of the Overseas Press Club of America in the clubrooms at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 17, 1949 to hear the report of the Television Committee.

A meeting and annual election of officers and trustees of the Correspondents' Fund will be held by President Lowell Thomas at the Lotos Club on Monday, May 16th at 7:15 P.M. for dinner, according to Clyde Brown, Secretary.

FARLEY MANNING has mail for Leo S. (Bill) Disher. Does anyone know where he is?

ATTENTION: We understand that the Voice of America is looking for free lance writers who will turn out radio scripts for them at forty dollars each. Call Mr. Montgomery at CI 6-4400, Ext. 287.

RICHARD MOWRER, former correspondent in the Middle East and Europe for the Chicago Daily News, left last week for the Middle East on a short trip of reporting for the Christian Science Monitor.

CLIVE HOWARD, free lancing, has returned from a swing around the country gathering material for several magazine articles.

JOE DYNAN of the Associated Press Bureau in Paris reports that Paris will soon keep all correspondents hopping for the news -- what with the Council of the Big Four, Davis cup matches, visits of Governor Dewey and Princess Margaret, a national assembly meeting, the "tour de France" bicycle races and the European Council Preparatory Commission. Never a dull moment in the Paris office, says Joe.

FRANCIS MC CARTHY, chief of bureau of the United Press in Havana, married Ruth Constadt of New York City several weeks ago.

JOHN WILHELM of McGraw Hill and BOB BENJAMIN of Time-Life International, both recently arrived in Mexico for their respective organizations and have been busy comparing notes on New York where they both spent some time before leaving.

ALLEN HADEN, with C I & E, S C A P in Japan, will be hopping over to Korea soon before returning to the States.

ROBERT COLLYER announces the forthcoming graduation of the first class of 65 from Television Studios, School of Radio Technique, 316 W. 57th St. Thoroughly trained in programming and studio operations, the men are now seeking jobs.

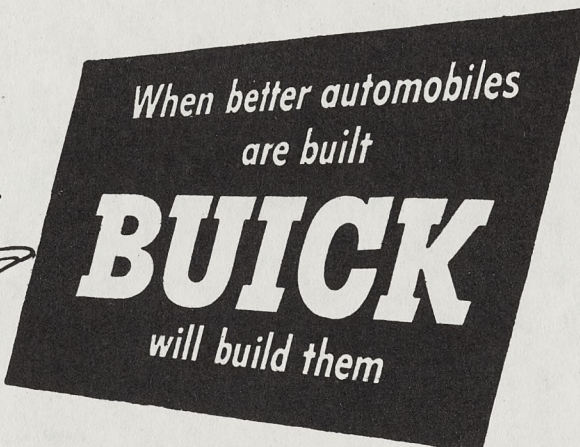
Charles Tambu, recent guest member of the club, is now acting secretary general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in New Delhi. Tambu says that New Delhi is a dreary hole socially, peopled exclusively with bureaucrats like Washington but without its restaurants, night clubs and other amenities.

LYNN MAHAN has resigned as a partner in Earl Newsom and Company to become a liaison representative for the Dutch Government. Lynn will leave for The Hague next week and then spend several months in Batavia before returning to Holland where his permanent headquarters will be.

PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE (Mrs. Henry Nelson Bill) gave birth to her second son, Jefferson Lochridge Bill, on April 29th.

FRANK BOLDEN of the Pittsburgh Courier has returned to the Pittsburgh office of his publication from Detroit where he was chief correspondent for the past several years.

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BERYL KENT, PIO in Tokyo, Japan, will be spending some time in Los Angeles in June. Her one-act comedy, "Miss Fingernail" was enthusiastically received by a large audience of Allied personnel in Tokyo recently.

WILLIAM WINTER has moved from New York to San Francisco where he has his own TV show on Station KPIX every Sunday night at 10:00 P.M. called "William Winter and the News". Bill was pleasantly surprised to find that his new landlord in San Francisco was delighted to have him put his television aerial on the roof of the apartment building (how unlike New York landlords). KPIX has been on the air since January 1 and KGO, TV, new ABC station, began this week. Only two stations and only six thousand sets in the area, according to Winter.

DEAN JENNINGS is a busy free lance writer these days. The results of his work are a piece in the Saturday Evening Post last week called, "He Fooled the Experts"; one in the May issue of Pageant, called "Come Along Quietly" which will also appear in Reader's Digest; this week's Collier's will start a five part serial called "I Was King of the Safe Crackers" and many more to appear in the near future.

IRENE TAYLOR with CIC in Germany sent us a copy of the Stars and Stripes of several months ago with a picture in it of our luncheon for W. Somerset Maugham when he was blowing out the birthday candles on his big cake.

JACK HOOLEY has returned to New York to do radio work here. He was formerly stationed in Rochester with Station WHAM. Married to a girl from Rochester, Jack expects to spend the next six months at least on his present assignment here in New York.

ROBERT MAGIDOFF is conducting a seminar on Russia at Louisville University, Kentucky, for members of the faculty. He will be in New York for several days at the end of June, on his way to a vacation in New Hampshire where he will also write another book on Russia for Doubleday.

MORLEY CASSIDY, correspondent for the Philadelphia Bulletin for the past two years in Paris, recently returned from a tour of Scandinavia for his paper. He writes to BILL CHAPLIN and NAT BARROWS that he often files his correspondence in old clocks and other people's desks.

WILLIAM B. KING left last week for Paris where he will be director of Public Relations for UNICEF for Europe and the Middle East. His wife will follow him in a few weeks. Bill's address will be 43 Avenue du Marechal Fayolle, Paris, XVII.

NEWTON EDGERS, of the FBIS in Tokyo, is laid up in the U.S. Army 49th General Hospital for a minor operation. He expects to be out in three or four weeks. In the meantime, his regards to ERNIE POPE, JIMMY YOUNG and other ex-Far Easterners.

JOHN GOETTE in the current issue of The China Monthly has an article "Christianity Is An American Asset in China".

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WILLIAM C. HIPPLE, formerly correspondent for Newsweek in Scandinavia, has changed his headquarters for the American Airlines from Dallas to Los Angeles. PAT NIEBURG, now in Chicago, was asking for him the other day when he stopped in at the OPC office en route to Washington for a short business trip.

PAT MITCHELL authors an article in the June edition of Argosy Magazine called, "The Sex Scandal in Our Colleges", based on a two months' research tour of thirty colleges and interviews with hundreds of students, professors, psychologists, etc.

LEWIS GANNETT, book critic of the New York Herald Tribune, reviewed recently BOB SHAPLEN'S new book "A Corner of the World" which he describes as five linked short stories about the Far East -- with more meat in them than those of W. Somerset Maugham.

GRACE DAVIDSON of the Boston Post has been out in Hollywood doing a series of stories on the film capital.

BILL CUNNINGHAM of the Boston Herald has just received an accolade in Kenneth Robert's new book, "I Wanted to Write", when he says that Bill's column is the kind of column he always wanted to write. Bill followed Roberts on the Boston Post where he wrote a column for twenty years before going to the Boston Herald to continue his work.

GEORGE MOORAD's new book, "While Peace Was Lost in China" will be published by E. P. Dutton and Co. The contract was signed this week.

GAULT MC GOWAN's wife, Judy Barden, also a correspondent for the New York Sun, writes this week from Berlin that a group of correspondents from the Berlin Press Center have left by train for the Fair in Poznan in Poland, after much difficulty with visas, transportation, etc.

CON GABBIE's amateur photography recently paid off with a two-page illustrated spread on his editor-publisher brother in This Week magazine.

The following application has been received in the OPC office. Your recommendation, complaint or suggestion should be sent to Hal Boyle, chairman of the Admissions Committee, within two weeks. The next meeting of this committee will take place in the clubrooms on Monday, May 23rd at 6 P.M.

ACTIVE:

DAVID BROWN, Reuters, now in New York but leaving next week for Frankfurt where he will be stationed after June 1. Correspondent for Reuters', Africa and Italy, 1942-44; Philippines and Guam, Japan, 1945; Berlin, 1946; Moscow, 1946-47; London, Berlin, 1947 and Berlin and Frankfurt to present.

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VERNON MC KENZIE, has returned to the club as an active member from inactive status. He is now Professor of Journalism at the University of Washington, and contributes to the Seattle Times, Toronto Star Syndicate, Weekly Philatelic Gossip, etc.

The first luncheon of the Overseas Press Club at the Hotel Pierre was presided over by Craig Thompson, vice president. Held in the Cotillion Room, thanks to the efforts of Nola Luxford, the function won praise from many members who have written to express their approval of this choice.

The book jackpot of the day was partly written by one of the speakers, George Catlin, "Above All Nations" edited by DEVERE ALLEN, editor of Worldover Press and won by CHARLES GILLET. The six Swiss editors mentioned in the last Bulletin were all present and M. Paul Bourquin, editor of "L'Impartial" of La Chaux de Fonds, in a brief speech said that he felt that he should go back to Switzerland and start a campaign to establish a fifth language in his country... English.

Filippo Del Giudice, who is organizing the Pilgrim Film Co. since he left J. Arthur Rank, said that he felt that the era of Hollywood films made for the twelve year old mentality had passed and that the success of realistic European films was due to the need for more mature motion pictures.

STANLEY SWINTON, former correspondent in Singapore for the AP, said that the revolt in Indo-China led by Ho-Chi-Min is communist inspired but that the leader himself is a nationalist and will prove to be more so than Tito although the bulk of his followers are communists. The one revolt in Southeast Asia which is not nationalist even on the surface is that of Malaya -- it is led by 3 to 5,000 Chinese communists but the people of Malaya are not behind it at all.

According to Swinton, the British in the Far East are not following their former colonial policy but preparing countries for dominion status in 20 or 25 years.

George Catlin, author and scientist, said that American propaganda was sadly lacking in Europe and that if one cent out of every dollar of aid was used for propaganda, to make known to the Europeans that American aid is solid and dependable, American prestige would be greatly enhanced. Catlin suggested reciprocal citizenship between the United States and Great Britain, an idea which has long been fostered by many Englishmen and Americans.

Hester E. Hensell,
Editor.

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